

# Supervisor's Guide for Injury Reporting





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#### **Emergency Injury Reported**



Call 911

#### **Emergency Injury Reported**

Once the situation is stable, you should:



- Complete the Job Description form and send to the Return-to-Work (RTW) Coordinator.
- 2. Fill out the First Alert form, DWC1 Claim Form, and the Employer's Report (5020) and submit to the RTW Coordinator within 24 hours.





If Employee Declines Treatment:

- 1. Employee must complete the Employee's Statement Declining Treatment form.
- A copy of the form must be sent to the RTW Coordinator or Personnel.



#### **Employee Seeks Treatment**

Review the Employee's Guide for Injury Reporting with the employee.

Complete the Injury Reporting forms with the employee. The packet must contain the four forms below:

- The completed Treatment Referral Slip
- The completed Treating Physician's letter (for physical injuries only)
- A copy of the blank Patient Status Report



#### **Employee Seeks Treatment**

 Also, a copy of the completed Job Description should be included in the Medical Provider Packet.

Send the four documents with the employee to the Initial Treatment Center.



#### **Employee Seeks Treatment**

Ask the employee if they pre-designated a treating physician, if not, send them to the Medical Provider Network (MPN) Initial Treatment Center (ITC). A list of those centers can be obtained on the County's MPN website at:

http://ceo.lacounty.gov/mpn

- Fill out the First Alert form, DWC1 Claim Form, and Employer's Report (5020) form and fax a copy to the RTW Coordinator within 24 hours.
- Call the 1-800 number and report the injury.
   (In some departments, the RTW Coordinator calls in the injury.)

#### Employee Injury/Illness File

It is important that an injury/illness file be maintained on employees. The injury/illness file should contain the following:

- A copy of the Claim Form (DWC Form 1)
- A copy of the Employer's Report (5020)
- Employee's Report of Accident
- Supervisor Weekly Telephone Log Sheet
- Copy of the Job Description



### Employee Injury/Illness File

- Patient Status Reports
- Work Hardening Agreements
- Any other documentation that you may receive on this injury



## Employee on Temporary Total Disability

- Fax a copy of the Patient Status Report to the RTW Office/Personnel.
- Make sure that the time card is coded appropriately.
- Call the employee for status. The employee should be called on a weekly basis to determine their status, follow-up on their recovery, and answer any questions they may have regarding the process.



- Return the employee to work.
- Communicate with the employee to make sure they are able to continue working their Usual and Customary (U & C) duties.
- Notify the RTW Coordinator of problems or concerns.
- Close the employee injury/illness file in 45 days from the date of injury if the employee continues to work their U & C job.



- Review the work restrictions to make sure they are compatible with the duties listed in the job description.
- If the work restrictions are compatible, return the employee to work.
- If modification of the job duties is required, make the necessary modifications.
- Communicate those temporary modifications and time limits to the employee.
- If modification of the job is done, a Work Hardening Transitional Assignment Agreement (WHTAA) must be completed with the employee.



### Employee Released to Modified or Alternate Work

- Fax the WHTAA to the RTW Coordinator.
- Retain a copy of the WHTAA in the employee's injury/illness file.
- If modification of the job is not possible, explore available job tasks within your work unit.
- If you are able to provide alternate work, a WHTAA must be completed with the employee.



## Employee Released to Modified or Alternate Work

- If no alternate or modified job is readily available, contact the RTW Coordinator for assistance with other job placement opportunities within the department.
- Catalog a follow-up date with your RTW Cordinator.
- Complete the WHTAA with the employee on their first day back to work.
- Fax the WHTAA to the RTW Coordinator.



## Employee Released to Modified or Alternate Work

- If there is no work assignment for the employee, the supervisor should continue to call the employee weekly (Reminder: log all phone calls on the Telephone Log).
- If there is a problem reaching the employee at home, the RTW Coordinator should be advised.
- If you suspect any behavior or receive any information regarding fraudulent activities or abuse, you must report that information to the RTW Coordinator.



- Receipt of Employee Packet
- Employee's Statement Declining Medical Treatment
- First Alert Form
- DWC 1 Claim Form
- Employer's Report (5020) Form
- Job Description Form
- Treating Physician's Letter
- Treatment Referral Slip
- Work Hardening Transitional Assignment Agreement
- Weekly Call Verification Sheet
- To locate more forms see: <a href="http://ceo.lacounty.gov/mpn">http://ceo.lacounty.gov/mpn</a>